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1. SUMMARY: DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA COVERING HUMAN RIGHTS,
UN MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET AND OMNIBUS ITEM REVEALED GON WILL
MOSTLY BE ON THE SAME LINE AS US. END SUMMARY

2. WE REVIEWED HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES OF UPCOMING 32ND UNGA
WITH MFA HEAD OF JURIDICIAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS BURGERS,
DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS. HIS COMMENTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:
A. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS-DUTCH STRONGLY SUPPORT.
B. DECADE AGAINST RACISM-SINCE 1975 DUTCH HAVE NOT PAR-
TICIPATED IN DECADE AGAINST RACISM, BUT EXPECT TO VOTE IN
FAVOR OF DECADE RESOLUTION IF IT EXCLUDES SPECIFIC REFER-
ENCE TO RES 3379. DUTCH ALSO PLAN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE BUT
ARE AWAITING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON CONFERENCE RESOLU-
TION. BURGERS NOTED THAT GON VOTED AT ECOSOC FOR AN ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE RESOLUTION CONCERNING CONFERENCE BUT ABSTAINED
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FROM VOTING FOR ECOSOC RES 2056 BECAUSE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH
5 CONCERNING COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
C. TORTURE-DUTCH FAVOR IMPROVING UN ABILITY TO DEAL WITH TOR-
TURE BUT ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT CREATION OF ADDITIONAL MACHINERY
SUCH AS WORKING GROUP IS BEST WAY TO PROCEED. DUTCH INTEND TO
EXPLORE IN NEW YORK POSSIBILITY OF SOME SORT OF REPORTING
SYSTEM AS MEANS OF DEALING WITH PROBLEM OF TORTURE. BURGERS

SAID THAT DUTCH APPROACH WOULD AVOID SOVIET AND OTHER OPPOSITION TO EXPANSION OF NUMBER OF UN BODIES, YET PROVIDE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF REPORTS OF TORTURE. GON HAS TOLD SWEDEN IT OPPOSES CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE.

3. BURGERS WILL ATTEND UNGA AND LOOKS FORWARD TO CONSULTING WITH MEMBERS OF USDEL ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

4. WE REVIEWED UN MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ISSUES WITH MFA HEAD OF BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS VAN VLOTEN. HE OFFERED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. RESTRUCTURING UN ORGANIZATION-DUTCH SHARE US GOALS.

B. BUDGET RESTRAINT-MFA AGREES WITH ELIMINATION OF OBSOLETE PROGRAMS AND REDUCTION OF LOWER PRIORITY PROGRAMS BUT SAID THAT MFA PREFERRED TO KEEP ALIVE SEVERAL SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN GENEVA AND ONE IN NEW YORK WHOSE ELIMINATION HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED.

C. ASSESSMENTS-VAN VLOTEN COMPLAINED ABOUT NEW DUTCH ASSESSMENT OF 1.42 PERCENT, ASSERTING THAT WEALTHY COUNTRIES ARE BEING ARBITRARILY PENALIZED.

D. SALARIES-UN SALARIES ARE ALSO CONCERN OF DUTCH. HE ASKED ABOUT US POSITION REGARDING RECENTLY RECOMMENDED 17.5 PERCENT SALARY INCREASE OF GENERAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES IN GENEVA.

5. WE REVIEWED ISSUES INCLUDED IN OMNIBUS AGENDA ITEM WITH MFA HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION'S ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFFAIRS DIVISION GAJENTAAN. HE SAID THAT GENERAL US AND DUTCH VIEWS CONCERNING NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND BASIC HUMAN NEEDS WERE IDENTICAL. WE PROVIDED HIM WITH COPIES OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN'S ADDRESSES ON COMMODITIES. MCCLOSKEY

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